

REMARKS

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated December 26, 2007, in which the Examiner stated that claims 1-2, 4-5, 10-11 and 13-14 are allowed, and rejected claims 7-8 and 16-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 and under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the telephone interview on February 12, 2008.

As indicated above, a typographical error has been corrected in claims 4 and 13. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner approves the corrections

As indicated above, claims 7-8 and 16-17 have been amended in order to be directed to statutory subject matter. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner withdraws the rejection to claims 7-8 and 16-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

Claims 7-8 and 16-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph because the limitation of “a computer-readable medium adapted to store program code” is not specifically described in the original specification. As indicated above, Applicants have amended the claims to claim a computer recording medium having stored thereon program code. Support for this amendment can be found on page 3, line 1 and in the Abstract which notes that the invention is directed to a program storage medium. Additionally, Applicants respectfully bring the Examiner’s attention to page 9, line 9, through page 10, line 9, which describes the computer structure including the CPU executing programs stored in ROM 22 and the removable drive 28 which reads information from an external memory medium such as a floppy disk and an optical magnetic disk as well as an external memory medium such as a hard disk of a hard disk device. Applicants respectfully submit that the specification provides support for the computer recording

medium as now claimed. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner withdraws the rejection to claims 7-8 and 16-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

Thus it now appears that the application is in condition for reconsideration and allowance. Reconsideration and allowance at an early date are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

If for any reason the Examiner feels that the application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact, by telephone, the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed within the currently set shortened statutory period, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

In the event that any additional fees are due with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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